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1. Although Chiang Mai appears outwardly quiet, at present, there is a possibility that the Chinese, both in the area at present and those who may come over the border, may suddenly rebel against the authorities.
2. The Chinese community in the Chiang Mai area totals approximately 30,000. Ow Lieng Sung is the most influential Chinese in this area. He has previously been connected with the Kuomintang, and was active in anti-Thai work. He was accused by the Thai Government of working for Chinese interests against those of Thailand. He escaped the charge, however, reportedly by paying a bribe of 1,000,000 ticals to government officials.
3. If Ow became a Communist supporter, this would create a serious Communist threat because of his influence among the Chinese and his connections with Chiang Mai smuggling rings. There is no evidence that Ow is at present a Communist supporter, but were he to turn pro-Communist, he could be eliminated at any time by Thai authorities.\*
4. A Chinese school in Chiang Mai, supported by Ow, has been closed because of anti-Thai Government teaching. No date has been set for its reopening.
5. Meetings among the Chinese are difficult to detect. Police officials in Chiang Mai received an order from Bangkok in late March directing them to watch carefully all Chinese movements in the area.
6. The danger of Communist uprisings in the Chiang Mai area is heightened by the fact that high government officials are directing their attention to the northeastern border towns rather than to the richer and more populated basin area behind the frontier.
7. The Chinese are further aided by the attitude of the Chiang Mai people themselves, who are obedient followers of the Buddhist doctrine of living in peace, and who show little active resentment against the aggressive attitude of the Chinese.

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8. The royalty of the northern territories are concerned primarily with financial gain. They have little sense of outside danger because they have not suffered direct attack from an outside enemy for some time, and they are therefore willing to cooperate with everyone.

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